

REMARKS

Applicants have filed this amendment with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Anuff. Applicants have amended claims 1, 14, and 20.

Anuff describes a portal server and methods of creating a portal server web page. The methods are generally described in Section 3.4.1, "Layouts and Groups", beginning with paragraph 67, and Section 3.4.2, "Pages, Page Layout and Page Ordering".

According to Anuff, a first method includes a Layout 38 (Fig. 2) described in Section 3.4.1 and containing groups 40. Groups 40 are illustrated in Fig. 2 as including right and left columns. Groups 40 contain a set of modules specific to one user of the portal. Fig. 2 contains three modules in a left group, "Bookmarks", "Search", and "Company Dir.", and two modules in a right group, "News", and "Discussion Board". A module constructs a Module View specific to the user and context. The Module View assembles an HTML presentation. Layouts and Group objects are patterned after templates.

Section 3.4.2 describes an alternative to Layouts and Groups. Paragraphs 74-79 establish a process for creating a page, which includes establishing a page layout including cells defined by columns and/or rows (Figs. 5a and 5b). A following step includes specifying modules for the cells.

The first example method of Anuff includes modules within groups. The second example method of Anuff includes modules within cells. Anuff fails to disclose modules associated with groups and cells associated with groups, and using the mapping of modules to groups and cells to groups to place the modules in the cells.

More specifically, at Paragraph [0076], Anuff states that an administrator or end user can add modules to cells within the page, but otherwise fails to explain a process for doing so. The paragraph is highly suggestive of a manual process of directly associating modules with cells.

Thus, Anuff fails to disclose data records as being used in the creation of a portal server web page. Anuff fails to disclose data records associating at least one cell to each of a plurality of identified groups, i.e., identified areas in a web page, and data records associating

each of a plurality of presentation objects (or modules) with at least one of said identified groups. Anuff fails to disclose accessing data records to fill in the cells of a default layout.

Paragraph [0136] discusses users and user groups, not the kind of groups that Applicant is claiming. Thus, Applicants have amended claims 1, 14, and 20 to clarify that the default pattern includes groups of cells.

With respect to claim 1, Anuff fails to disclose

providing at least a first template defining a default pattern including a plurality of identified groups of cells;

providing group information comprising data records associating at least one of the cells to each of the plurality of identified groups;

providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

reading said default pattern along with accessing said group information and said local presentation information, filling-in said cells with a number of the presentation objects.

With respect to claim 14, Anuff fails to disclose

a DIALOG template comprising at least a first

template defining a default pattern including a plurality of identified groups of cells;

group information comprising data records associating at least one of the cells to each of the plurality of identified groups;

local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

a processor adapted for, after reading said default pattern and accessing said group information and said local presentation information, filling-in said cells with a number of the presentation objects.

With respect to claim 20, Anuff fails to disclose

a first program sub-code for providing at least a first template defining a default pattern including a plurality of identified groups of cells;

a second program sub-code for creating group information comprising data records associating at least one of the cells to each of the plurality of identified groups;

a third program sub-code for providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

a fourth program sub-code for reading said default pattern, accessing said initial group information and said local presentation information, and filling-in said cells with a number of the presentation objects.

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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